the same manner as provided for in the General Statutes for the collection of ad valorem taxes, and remedies available by statute for the collection of taxes shall apply to the collection of the sewer district fees.

SECTION 6. Use of Fees. – The Town shall credit the fees collected within the district to a separate fund to be used only to pay the debt service for the sewer system. The governing board of the municipality shall administer the fund to provide for the payment of said sewer services provided by the county.

SECTION 7. Abolition of District. – Upon finding that there is no longer a need for a given fee-supported district, the governing board of the municipality may repeal the resolution establishing the district and thus abolish the district.

SECTION 8. This act applies only within the Town of Holden Beach.

SECTION 9. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13^{th} day of July, 2004.

Became law on the date it was ratified.

H.B. 1733

Session Law 2004-97

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT TO ASSESS BENEFITED PROPERTY FOR UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Charter of the City of Southport, being Chapter 659 of the 1983 Session laws, is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"ARTICLE X. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY FOR PLACEMENT OF UTILITIES UNDERGROUND.

- "Sec. 10.1. Special Assessment Authority for Placement of Utilities Underground. In addition to the assessment authority provided in G.S. 160A-216, the Board of Aldermen may make special assessments against benefited property within the corporate limits for placing utility lines underground. For the purpose of this section, utility lines include electrical distribution, telephone, and cable television lines. Any assessments made under this section shall be made in accordance with the procedural requirements of Article 10 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.
- **Sec. 10.2.** Obligation of Utility. A utility shall have no obligation to place its lines underground pursuant to this section unless and until it receives payment for its costs to do so."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 2004.

Became law on the date it was ratified.

H.B. 1737

Session Law 2004-98

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES OF WINSTON-SALEM AND REIDSVILLE TO ORDER DWELLINGS DETERMINED UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AFTER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 160A-443(5a) reads as rewritten: